# List of Nicktoons pilots

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# Shows that were picked up.

## 1990's

- "Doug Can't Dance" (Doug)[1]
- "Big House Blues" (The Ren & Stimpy Show)
- "Tommy Pickles and the Great White Thing" (Rugrats)
- "Trash-O-Madness" (Rocko's Modern Life) [2]
- "Real Monsters" (AHH!! Real Monsters)[3]
- "Arnold" (Hey Arnold!)
- "Snowbound" (The Angry Beavers) (Unaired)
- "Dog Gone" (CatDog)
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- "The Wild Thornberrys" (Pilot)
- SpongeBob SquarePants "Help Wanted"
- "Rocket Beach" (Rocket power) (Unaired)
- As Told by Ginger: "The Party"
- Jimmy Neutron: "Runaway Rocketboy!" (1998) (Unaired)
- "Invader Zim" (Original and final Pilots)
- "The Barnyard" (Back at the Barnyard, Test Pitch, 1999) (Unaired)

## 2000's

- "Avatar: The Last Airbender" (Pilot) (Unaired)
- El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera "A Fistful of Nickels"
- "Tak and the Power of Juju" (Pilot)
- "Magic Bloom" (Winx Club,1999) (Unaired)
- "Kappa Mikey" (2nd Pilot)
- "Catscratch" (Pitch Animation)

## 2010's

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[1]Final pilot and pencil test courtesy of Jim Jinkins

[2] Original and final show versions

[3] Original and final show versions

- Robot and Monster: “Best Friends Forever” (Unaired)
- “Bad Seeds” (Harvey beaks)
- Welcome to the Wayne "Chapter 1"
- “Glitch Techs” (2015 Pilot)

### Oh Yeah! Cartoons

- "ChalkZone" (Oh Yeah Cartoons Pilot)
- "The Fairly OddParents!" (Oh Yeah Cartoons Pilot)
- "My Neighbor Was a Teenage Robot" (My life as a Teenage Robot)

### Nicktoons Film Festival

- “Super Scout” (The Mighty B!)

### Nickelodeon Animated Shorts Program

## 2013–2014

- “Bug Salad” (Series pickup as Web shorts)
- The Loud House: "Bathroom Break!!"
- “Monster Pack” (Ollie's Pack)[4]
- “MooseBox” (Series pickup as shorts)[5]

## 2016–2017

- “Pony” (It's Pony)[6]
- “Sharkdog” (Series pickup as shorts and a full series)[7]

### Intergalactic Shorts Program (2021–2022)

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[4] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Brazil.)

[5] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from South Africa.)

[6] (One of the four International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom.)

[7] (One of the four International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Singapore.)

- Rock Paper Scissors: "TV Time"
- Wylde Pak "Alpac-Attack" (Unaired)

## Nick Jr.

### 1990‘s

- “Dora the Explorer” (pitch pilot) (Unaired)
- “Blue Prints” (Blue's Clues) (Unaired)

### 2000’s

- “The Backyardigans” (Nick Digital pilot) (Lost Media) (Unaired)
- “Yo Gabba!” (test demo) (Unaired)
- Yo Gabba Gabba! ”Short Story” and “Play” (pilots) (Unaired)
- “Bubble Guppies” (pitch pilot) (Unaired)
- “Monty's Magic Words” (Wallykazam!) (Unaired)

### Backdoor pilots

- Rugrats: "All Growed Up" (All Grown Up!)
- Rugrats: "Pre-School Daze" (Rugrats Pre-School Daze)
- The Loud House: "The Loudest Mission: Relative Chaos" (The Casagrandes)
- The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run (Kamp Koral: SpongeBob's Under Years)

## Mis. (Non-animated)

- Mr. Meaty "In Parker's Sight" (Puppetry)

### Backdoor pilots

- “A Loud House Christmas” (The Really Loud House) (Live action)

# The “I ‘m only archiving this because these pilots are probably going to be lost in the shuffle of pilots and we don’t want another Me and My Friends incident.” Collection

- T.U.F.F. Puppy:"Purr-fect Partners"
- “Planet Sheen” (Part of Pilot Found) (Unaired)
- “Sanjay And Craig” (Pilot)
- “Breadwinners” (Second version of the pilot.)
- “Pig Goat Banana Mantis!” (Pig Goat Banana Cricket)
- “Bunsen is a Beast” (Pilot)

### Random! Cartoons

- "Fanboy" (fanboy and chum chum)

# Predecessors to shows that got picked up

- “Arnold Escapes from the Church” (1988 short) (Hey Arnold!)
- “The Adventures of Johnny Quasar” (Jimmy Neutron)
- "Red Acres" (Planet Sheen) (Lost Media) (Unaired)
- “Breadwinners” (2012 Web short)
- “Kappa Mikey” (MTV Pilot) (Not for kids) (Unaired)

### Nick Jr.

- “Downward Doghouse” (Ni Hao, Kai-Lan)
- “Me and My Friends” (Backyardigans) (Live action and puppetry) (Unaired)
- “The Umizoomi” (Team Umizoomi) (Lost Media) (Unaired)

# Shows that were picked up, but on a different network.

- “Pepper Ann” (Nick pilot) (Lost Media) (unaired)[8]
- “The Proud Family” (Nick pilot) (Lost Media) (unaired)[9]
- “Chicken Town “
- “Star and the Forces of Evil” (Nick pilot) (Star vs. the Forces of Evil) (unaired)[10]
- “Pinky Malinky” (Pilot)
- “Summer Memories” (Pilot)

### Nick Jr.

- “Super Why!” (stop-motion Nick Jr. pilot)
(Was later picked up on PBS Kids as a CGI animated series)

### Random! Cartoons

- “Adventure Time” (Was later picked up by Cartoon network.)
- "The Bravest Warriors" (Bravest Warriors) (Was later picked up by Cartoon Hangover.)

# Shows that weren’t picked up.

## 1970’s

- “Video Dream Theater” (both pilots; Lost Media) (Unaired)

## 1990’s

- “The Crowville Chronicles” (Lost Media) (Unaired)

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[8] (Later picked up as a series by Disney Channel.)

[9] (Later picked up as a series by Disney Channel.)

[10] (Later picked up as a series by Disney Channel.)

- “Trash” (Lost Media) (Unaired)
- “The Weasel Patrol” (Lost Media) (Unaired)
- “Big Beast Quintet” (Lost Media) (Unaired)
- “Thunder Lizards” (Unaired)
- “The Henry and June Show”
- “Christmas in Tattertown”[11]
- “The Louie & Louie Show”

(Note: Aired as part of KaBlam!)

- “Stewy the Dog Boy”

(Aired as part of KaBlam!)

- “Terrytoons Presents: Curbside” (Unaired)

(Planned Terrytoons reboot for the network.)

- “Hector the Get-Over Cat”
- “Psyko Ferret”
- “Garbage Boy”

(Aired as part of KaBlam!)

## 2000’s

- “Constant Payne”
- “Pudding Toast” (First pilot found; second pilot lost) (unaired)
- “Carmen Got Expelled!” (unaired)
- “Kid Komet and Galaxy Gal” (Lost Media)
- “The Carmichaels”[12]
- “Simply Sisters” (Lost Media) (unaired)

(Planned spin-off of The Angry Beavers.)

- “Skeleton Key” (Lost Media) (unaired and existence unconfirmed)
- “Crash Nebula”

(Planned spin-off of The Fairly OddParents.)

- “The Patakis” (Lost Media) (Unaired)

(Planned spin-off of Hey Arnold!)

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[11] (Note: Originally was a pilot for a show named Tattertown. Eventually shown on Nickelodeon as a Christmas special until 1992.)

- [12] (Note: Originally planned as a spin-off of Rugrats, it was eventually made into “A Rugrats Kwanzaa.”)

- “What's Cooking?”
- “Commander Bunsworth”
- “Junkyard Teddies”
- “Pounda” (2007) (Lost media) (Unaired)
- “Kung Fu Spy Troll”
- “Rollin' Rock Starz”
- “Wiener Squad”
- “Ace Bogart: Space Ape”
- “Grampa and Julie: Shark Hunters”
- “Little Freaks”
- “My Stupid Cat“(Lost media, maybe?)
- “Ronnie Biddles”
- “Mall Spies”
- “Space Animals”
- “Leroy Dorsalfin”
- “Sky Rat” (Lost media) (Unaired)

## 2010’s

- “Super Macho Fighter”
- “Monsters Abroad” (Pilot Animatic) (unaired)
(Based on the web comic by Hannah Ayoubi)

### Oh Yeah! Cartoons

- "Slap T. Pooch in What is Funny?"
- "Jelly's Day"
- "The F-Tales"
- "25-Cent Trouble / Teddy & Art"
- "Cat and Milkman"
- "Jamal the Funny Frog: Mind the Baby, Jamal"
- "Thatta Boy"
- "Hobart: The Weedkeeper"
- "Protecto-5000"
- "Ask Edward: All About Babies"
- "Pete Patrick, P.I.: What About Lunch?"
- "Max and His Special Problem"
- "Tutu the Superina"

- "Blotto"
- Tales from the Goose Lady: " Jack and the Beatstalk"
- "Twins Crimson and Those Amazing Robots"
- "Olly and Frank"
- "APEX Cartoon Props & Novelties"
- "A Cop and His Donut"
- "Enchanted Adventures"
- "Hobart: Deep Sea Diva"
- "Super Santa: Jingle Bell Justice"
- "Kitty the Hapless Cat"
- "That's My Pop: There's A Dinosaur In The House"
- "Hubbykins & Sweetie Pie"
- "The Man with No Nose"
- "Youngstar3"
- "Hey Look!"
- "The Feelers"
- "Max and the Pigeon Incident"
- "Zoomates!"
- "Microcops"
- "Planet Kate"
- "Fathead"
- Fuzzy Bunny Presents: "A Kid's Life"
- "Magic Trixie"
- "Freddy Seymore's Amazing Life"
- "Earth to Obie"
- Mina & The Count: "The Ghoul's Tribunal"
- "The Kid from S.C.H.O.O.L."
- "The Forgotten Toybox: The Curse of the Werebaby"
- "A Dog & His Boy"
- "Lollygaggin'"
- "The Dan Danger Show"
- "Herb"
- "Let's Talk Turkey"
- "Zoey's Zoo: Lots of Ocelots"
- "Terry & Chris"
- "The Boy Who Cried Alien"

- "Sick and Tired: Bug Bite"
- Skippy Spankerton: " Hot Tamale Monster Movie Madness"
- "Elise: Mere Mortal"
- "A Kid's Life: Picture Perfect"
- "Baxter & Bananas"
- "The Tantrum"
- "The Kameleon Kid"
- "The Semprini Triplets"

## Random! Cartoons

- “Solomon Fix”
- "MooBeard the Cow Pirate"
- "Two Witch Sisters"
- The Finster Finster Show!: “Store Wars"
- “Mind the Kitty”
- “Ivan the Unbearable”
- “Boneheads”
- “Tiffany”
- “Call Me Bessie!”
- “Teapot”
- “Hornswiggle”
- “Hero Heights”
- “Yaki & Yumi”
- “Gary Guitar”
- “Krunch and the Kid”
- “Bradwurst”
- “Dr. Froyd's Funny Farm”
- Giovanni and Navarro, The Dangerous Duck Brothers: “Saps at the Wheel"
- “Sparkles and Gloom”
- “The Infinite Goliath”
- “Kyle + Rosemary”
- “Garlic Boy”
- “Flavio”
- “SamSquatch”
- Girls on the Go!: " First Date"
- “Victor the Delivery Dog”

- Bronk and Bongo: " Losing Patients"
- “Thom Cat”
- “Dugly Uckling's Treasure Quest”
- “Dr. Dee & BitBoy”
- “Super John Doe Junior”
- “6 Monsters”
- “Ratz-A-Fratz”
- Lance & Zoopie: "Squirly Town"
- HandyCat: "Bees-ness As Usual"

## Nicktoons Film Festival

- “Welcome to My Life”

(Note: It was later remade in 2015 for Cartoon Network but still didn’t get picked up for a full series.)

## Shorts in a Bunch

- The Billy Goats: Bacon & Bunk-"Moby Weenie"
- Emperor-"Emperor of the Beasts"
- Grumpy Puppy-"First Place Pup"
- “The Modifyers”
- “Monster Safari”
- “The Wizzard of Krudd”

## Nickelodeon Animated Shorts Program

### 2012–2013

- “Austin Oliver”
- “Baby 'Stache”
- “Cabrito and Chewy”
- Carrot and Stick: "Sweet Rosie"
- “Level 15”
- “Lucas”

- “Marty's Exotic Animals”
- “Odyssey Squad!”
- “Pam & Sid's Port-a-Party”
- “Tallie Peer Counselor”
- “Wing Dings”
- “Zombie Brothers”

## 2013–2014

- “Badly Drawn Animals!”[13]
- “Bear Wrestler”
- “Broats”
- “By Request Pizza”
- “Charlie and Mr. Two”
- “Earmouse and Bottle”
- “Hole”
- “Louis & Georges”[14]
- Matt & Gus: "Donut Disturb"[15]
- Scoop![16]
- “Tech Oddity”[17]
- “Tonk's Island”[18]

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[13] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom.)

[14] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from France.)

[15] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Brazil.)

[16] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom.)

[17] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Mexico.)

[18] (One of the seven International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Australia.)

- “Woodstump!”

## 2014–2015

- “Bad Bad Bunny”
- “Buck 'n Lou and the Night Crew”
- “Crazy Block”[19]
- “The Cupcakery of Doom”[20]
- “Feebs and Mr. Timmins”[21]
- “Francine”
- “Ice Station Zedonk”
- “Jo Minkus”[22]
- “Magic Children Doing Things”
- “Meat Pie vs. The Dark Ages”
- “Off the Shelf”
- “The Outsiders “
- “Planet Claire”
- “Someplace Awesome”[23]
- “The Tall Tales of Urchin”[24]
- “Ugly Mutt”

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[19] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Italy. Co-produced with Rainbow S.r.l. (partially owned by at the time Nickelodeon's parent company Viacom)

[20] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom. Co-produced with Dice Productions.)

[21] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Australia.)

[22] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Canada.)

[23] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Ireland.)

[24] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom. Co-produced with Blink Industries.)

- “Werebeast”[25]
- “Woodchips”[26]

## 2015–2016

- A Boy and His Dude: "Dem Bones"
- “BroDuel”
- Earth to Allen: "Hunger Pains"
- “Face Face”[27]
- “Fun Times with Rez!”
- “Gumwad Island”
- “Happy Zoo”
- Kid Impressive: "Squid of Doom"
- “Learn Something with Luther and AJ”
- “Low Life”
- “The Magic Hour”
- “Menehunes”
- “P.E.: Paranormal Education”
- “Plunger the Dragon”
- “Russel & Fox's Cruel and Unusual Detention”
- “The Squatch Scouts”
- “Torum Tellum”
- “Ziptronik Megablast”

## 2016–2017

- “Best Baddies”
- “Burger Bros”

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[25] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom.)

[26] (One of the eight International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from Spain.)

[27] (Also known as Space Face. Co-produced with Titmouse, Inc.)

- “Dia De Los Tacos”[28]
- “Dog and Squirrel”
- “Farkels”
- “The Girl from Dinosaur Island”
- “Lazybones”[29]
- “Mini Cops”
- “My Friend Pancake”
- “P.E.T. Academy”[30]
- “Pig and a Blanket”
- “Planet Panic”
- “Ramblers!”
- “Robo Wonder Kid”[31]
- “Slimelab”
- “Someone Needs to Stop Aunt Phyllis!”
- “Space Mission: Danger!”
- “The Super Dooper Studios”

## 2017–2018

- The Ballad of Bea & Cad: "Day Trip to the Aquarium Doom"
- “Barbabyan”
- “Camp Weedonwantcha”
- “Dungeon Crawlers”
- Harold & Herbert: "Dumpster Diving"
- “Harpy Gee” (Final and storyboard animatic)

(Based on Brianne Drouhard ‘s webcomic of the same name.)

- “Jan + Bobbie”

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[28] (Formerly known as Monster Taco.)

[29] (Also known as Lazybones: A Humerus Short.)

[30] (One of the four International pilot episodes included in this edition. Originally from the United Kingdom.)

[31] (Formerly known as The Myth of Robo Wonder Kid. Second version of the pilot.)

- “Leashes”
- “The Prince and Mr. Whiskers”
- “Tennis the Good Boy”
- “Universal Brawlers of the Universe”

# Interesting facts about the pilots

- 'Blam!' (Kablam!)

In this pilot there was a segment called ‘Patch Head’, according to the book ***”Not Just Cartoons: Nicktoons!”*** Chris Viscardi, (Co-Creator of said pilot) said of the short, *it didn’t exactly turn out the way we wanted. I remember the feedback we got from some of the Nickelodeon Brass, who thought KaBlam! was a little bit out there to begin with. The Nickelodeon president at the time, Herb Scannell, sand to us once “Love the show, but that Patch Head scares me.”* Ultimately, ‘Patch Head’ was scrapped and never became part of the main collection of shorts.

# Reasons for rejecting the scrapped pilots

- The Crowville Chronicles (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejection- The test audience found it generic and uninteresting. The characters in the pilot were too formulaic, and the creators seemed to lack the necessary passion to make interesting characters, having been producing successful series for years already.

- Video Dream Theater (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejection-Nickelodeon ended up not picking up or even airing the pilots, according to Geraldine Laybourne herself, *"The trouble with kids' dreams is they're really scary. It's a lot about abandonment, it's a lot about suffocation. They don't make very good stories."* (Laybourne) According to sources, the pilots were test screened to kids to negative reviews.

- Trash (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejection- The pilot did slightly better than The Crowville Chronicles: instead of the test audience disliking it, they were completely indifferent to it. The audience was expected to respond negatively to the model animation, due to its association with younger target audiences, but the main critique was over the formulaic characters and obvious lack of passion on Cosgrove Hall's part.

- Big Beast Quintet (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejection- The pilot was described as having a silly Nickelodeon "feel," but it tested poorly. The concept of having a mean, angry boss was not something the kid audience could relate to, and the fake news story subplot went over their heads. Nickelodeon tried tweaking the concept with Colossal Pictures and a revised pilot, called Channel Zero, was pitched, but it was deemed not funny enough to be picked up as a TV series.

- The Weasel Patrol (Lost Media)

Reasons for rejection- The test audience's reception of the pilot was overwhelmingly negative. One nine-year-old boy said that he would rather watch a blank television screen. The comics were funny, but the pilot, which was an adaptation thrown together from a handful of unrelated stories, was convoluted and confusing, and an entirely new story would have been a better idea. Seven weasels, two smugglers, and an alien creature were too many characters to introduce in a five-minute pilot. The weasels, while funny in the comics, also lacked developed personalities, and some didn't even have names given.

- Pudding Toast

Reasons for rejection- The executive they were working with on the pilots (Yes there were two) would eventually be replaced and the new one scrapped the pilots.

- “Monsters Abroad” (Pilot Animatic)

Reasons for rejection-Originally made for fun as a web comic in 2013, then was put into development to be a show at Nickelodeon in 2014. The pitch unfortunately went through development hell and the creator, Hannah Ayoubi, doesn't know what the future for this project is, although is it possible that it has been shelved for good.

- “Sky Rat”

Reasons for rejection- With the focus on getting Hey Arnold!: The Jungle Movie going, Nickelodeon was not interested in approving Sky Rat for a series.

## Predecessors to shows that got picked up

- "Red Acres" (Planet Sheen)

Reasons for rejection- Red Acres was the original vision for the now infamous Planet Sheen. Instead of the show being a spin-off to Jimmy Neutron, it was about a fast-food restaurant worker getting launched into space and eventually crash-landed on a planet inhabited by dimwitted hillbilly aliens. The original concept wasn't connected to Jimmy Neutron at all. The initial pitch was actually shopped around different networks like Cartoon Network, Kids WB and Disney, until finally Nick. It was well received by Nickelodeon, but there was just one problem. The show stars an adult as the main character, but Nick thought that it way put off the primary kid centered audience from watching it. So, O Entertainment had to think of a new main character for the show, eventually landing on Sheen and turning the show into Planet Sheen.

## Random! Cartoons

- Adventure Time

Reasons for rejection- According to Fred Seibert, Adventure Time was pitched and rejected by Nickelodeon five times to multiple executives in different divisions because they all believed that the concept was not a Nickelodeon show. Believing that the specific executive team he pitched may be biased against Seibert's pitches due to his long-term history with the network and his exclusive deal with the studio to produce content for them.

- "MooBeard the Cow Pirate"

Reasons for rejection- If 'budget issues' and if there was a lack of interest over Fanboy and Chum Chum, then the pilot would have been picked up.

## Shorts in a Bunch

- The Modifyers

Reasons for rejection- *“It had a female protagonist, and Nickelodeon didn't want any more female protagonists since none of their programs that featured them became huge hits compared to shows that had male protagonists.”* (oldschoollane, 2014)

## Nickelodeon Animated Shorts Program

## 2014–2015

- Crazy Block

(Most likely) Reasons for rejection- It might have suffered the same fate as The Modifyers, the show had a female protagonist and the whole pilot had a sort of “girly” feel to it, Nick may have fought that it may have put off boys from watching it.* According to “The Nickelodeon Checklist “found within the “how to nick” guidebook released only for employees in 1992. Shows must be unisex. Although wither or not they still follow that rule at the time of the pilot’s completion is questionable.

- The Cupcakery of Doom

Reasons for rejection- Despite the fact that the original short was produced in 2014, it seems like it took 7 years before the show would be set to be released in 2021, but it was sadly delayed indefinitely due to the coronavirus outbreak during the production. And until we get official confirmation, it appears the show has been cancelled for good.

## 2017–2018

- Harpy Gee

(Most likely) Reasons for rejection-A likely reason for the pilot being scrapped was that the network was changing by that time. *

Additional notes-Brianne admitted that the process of producing it impacted development of the webcomic and led to the longer hiatus between Chapters 4 and 5. Nickelodeon passed and it appears from all reports it was for the better due to the direction of the network changing during the pilot's development which would've more than likely seen the

series have a very short run if it was picked up. Brianne said that she was grateful the pilot was passed on so she could continue to develop the storyline in the comic version.

## Scrapped Random! Cartoons

- "Hornswiggle"

Reasons for incompletion-Behind the scenes issues (such as the fact that Nickelodeon had already tried and failed to revive the Terrytoons franchise with the unaired pilot Curbside) and copyright restrictions forced creator Jerry Beck to change course.

## Shows that weren't picked up.

- "Star and the Forces of Evil" (Star vs. the Forces of Evil)

(Most likely) Reasons for rejection-It might have suffered a similar fate as The Modifyers. See It's reason for more details.

*Take this info with a grain of salt. As this is only a guess.

# Bonus

number of pilots-313

number of greenlit pilots-77

number of unsold pilots-236

number of Nick Jr. pilots-11

# Sources


- Fandom
- The Lost Media Wiki
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- The Path to a Movie (Archived)
- Oldschoollane
- Hannah Ayoubi's official upload's description of the Monsters Abroad Pilot Animatic.
- ***"Not Just Cartoons: Nicktoons!"*** Page 67